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I've spoken with the individuals in charge of response operations with TCEQ (Beaumont), TGLO (Nederland), and USCG (Port Arthur) and minimal to no operations are ongoing at this time due to limited to no access due to floodwaters that continue to rise (estimating through the weekend). I've offered our assistance and the overwhelming response is that there is little to do until the waters recede and we couldn't get to them to assist for possibly a week. TCEQ and TGLO are planning to initiate a command center in the Target parking lot behind the USCG office in Port Arthur, TX on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 if conditions allow. Currently, we are planning on the worst case scenario of having no drinking or wastewater infrastructure, little to no available food, no hotels/housing, and will need to provide our own working location (MCP/LRV). This is the soonest any real assessment or response operations can commence as each of these entities are "islands" in their individual areas because of the increasing floodwaters. TCEQ plans to initiate RNA and DW assessment at that time. USCG has boats on the water, primarily for search and rescue, but have not observed/reported ongoing releases. I will continue to coordinate with TGLO, TCEQ, and USCG as we prepare to mobilize, set up command and begin operations next week. I will also keep everyone posted as things progress.

Please let me know if you have questions/issues.

Thanks

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The EPA Region 6 OSC assigned to the Beaumont/Port Arthur, TX Area is coordinating with the TCEQ (Beaumont), TGLO (Nederland), and USCG (Port Arthur) representatives in charge of potential response activities for that area. All agencies are reporting minimal to no assessment or response actions in the area due to the flood waters that continue to increase. Flood waters are predicted to crest over the weekend and our response partners plan to initiate Rapid Needs and Shoreline Assessments toward the middle of next week. The USCG has not observed oil or hazardous materials releases during rescue operations in the area. If the area is accessible, EPA, TGLO, and TCEQ plan to begin the establishment of a central command behind the USCG office in Port Arthur, TX on Wednesday, August 6, 2017.

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